

BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
June 19, 2007 MINUTES

On Tuesday, June 19, 2007, a meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners came to order at 9:15 a.m. with Commissioners David Schulz, Lewis Stahl, and Jim Hart present.

Lewis Stahl moved to approve the June 12, 2007 minutes with corrections. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Jim Hart moved to approve the June 15, 2007 special meeting minutes as read. Lewis Stahl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Lewis Stahl moved to approve the June 18, 2007 Compensation Board meeting minutes as read. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Those people in attendance at the meeting were Vicki Tilstra, Doris Fischer, Karen Brown, Roger Staley, Roger Thompson, John Lippincott, Barbie Durham, and Stephanie Kruer.

Nursing Homes Wage Initiative: Vicki Tilstra, Bookkeeper, met with the Board to discuss a legislative wage incentive program for direct care workers. The Board contacted Rick Norine, Bureau Chief, Nursing Facility Services Bureau, for more information regarding this program. After discussion, Jim Hart moved to submit the Senior and Long Term Care Division Direct Care Worker Wage and Benefits Funding Increase Provider Application for Fiscal Year 2008. Lewis Stahl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Sagebrush Energy Tower Permit Application Hearing Date: Doris Fischer, Planner, met with the Board to discuss the application from Sagebrush Energy for Met Tower Permitting. Doris stated that they have submitted a complete application and requested that the Board set a date for a public hearing. The Board will conduct the Public Hearing for Sagebrush Energy Tower Permit Application on July 24, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Conference Room at the Madison County Courthouse.

Running Horse Ridge Release of LOC: Doris Fischer, Planner, met with the Board to discuss a request to release the Letter of Credit for improvements to Running Horse Ridge Subdivision. Doris stated that the Letter of Credit was for a dry hydrant for fire protection which is installed and has been inspected and approved by Lloyd Carlson, Twin Bridges Fire Chief. Per recommendation of the Planner, Jim Hart moved to fully release Letter of Credit Number 2006-13 held at the First Madison Valley Bank of Ennis, Montana, for subdivision improvements to Running Horse Ridge Subdivision. Lewis Stahl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Powder Ridge IV Partial Release of LOC: Doris Fischer, Planner, met with the Board to discuss a request from Gaston Engineering & Surveying to release a portion of the Letter of Credit held for subdivision improvements for Powder Ridge Subdivision Phase IV, in Big Sky, Montana. Doris recommended that the drawdown request be adjusted to reflect what is normally done, which is to release the actual amount of the expense incurred. Per recommendation of the Planner, Jim Hart moved to approve a drawdown of Letter of Credit #2304000-11 held by Big Sky Western Bank of Big Sky, Montana, in the amount of \$130,450, for road improvements and electrical work for Powder Ridge Subdivision, Phase IV, leaving a balance of \$188,180.75 in the Letter of Credit. Lewis Stahl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Orchard Hill Estates Escrow Account Drawdown Request: Doris Fischer, Planner, met with the Board to discuss a request from Karen Swedman of Reed Real Estate, Inc., as representative of Orchard Hill Estates Subdivision, to release a portion of escrow funds for subdivision improvements. Per recommendation of the Planner, Lewis Stahl moved to authorize the release of \$1,000.00 from Escrow Account #5085518 held by First Madison Valley Bank of Ennis, Montana, for purchase of a cistern for fire protection of Orchard Hill Estates Subdivision, leaving a balance of \$17,198 in the account for remaining road construction and subdivision improvements. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Hokanson #3 Minor Subdivision Amended Plat: Per recommendation of the Evasion Review Board, Lewis Stahl moved to approve the amended plat of Hokanson #3 Minor Subdivision in Section 14, Township 3 South, Range 1 West, creating a tract of land approximately one third of an acre in size to be used as a utility site by the Harrison Rural Fire District. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

BullBerry E911 Mapping System Agreement: Karen Brown, GIS/IT, met with the Board to discuss an agreement for E911 mapping software and services. Karen stated this software integrates with the system currently being used by Madison County and that the Sheriff supports this agreement. Per recommendation of the GIS/IT Coordinator, Jim Hart moved to approve the agreement between Madison County and BullBerry Systems, Inc. to provide and install Information Based GIS software, for the amount of \$15,950 including travel, training, support, and maintenance for the first year; and to provide software support and maintenance, for the amount of \$1,875 per year, for five additional years. Lewis Stahl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

IT Assistant Position: Karen Brown, GIS/IT, met with the Board to discuss the possibility of getting extra help in her department either as a part time, temporary employee, or as a contracted person. The Board tabled this request for discussion at a later date.

Maintenance Issues: Roger Staley, Maintenance, met with the Board to discuss several items in need of repair. Roger stated that the front sidewalk needs repair, the rock wall in front of the Courthouse and the rock wall at the Library are both in need of repair, shingles have blown off the Old Schoolhouse and need to be replaced, the boardwalk at the Panky House needs to be replaced, and both the carpet and windows in the Courthouse need to be cleaned. Roger will contact the appropriate people to get estimates for these projects.

Traffic Enforcement Issues in Ennis: John Lippincott, Riverside Motel, met with the Board to express concern about vehicles exceeding the speed limit and not stopping at stop signs, trucks using air breaks in town, and the lack of traffic enforcement in Ennis. Roger Thompson, Undersheriff, was also present for this portion of the meeting. John presented the Board with a petition from concerned residents and showed a video of traffic moving through the town. David Schulz stated first that the Town of Ennis must be involved and second that the Department of Transportation must be involved if there is a need to conduct a speed study in the area or to add or move speed limit signs. Roger Thompson stated that he will take these concerns back to the Sheriff's Department and make sure that the entire department is aware of the situation. Roger also stated that the Sheriff's Department could put an article in the paper as a public service.

Southwest Drug Task Force: Roger Thompson, Undersheriff, met with the Board to discuss a request from the Sheriff for additional compensation to an officer that is a drug task force member. The additional amount would be reimbursed to the County by the task force. Per recommendation of the Sheriff and Undersheriff, Jim Hart moved to authorize compensation in the amount of \$125.00 per month above the base pay, to a certain officer for added responsibilities and expenses incurred while serving on the Southwest Montana Drug Task Force. Lewis Stahl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Building Project (Law and Justice Center/Courthouse Expansion): The Board discussed the Building project in a telephone conference with Sheri Jarvis, Project Information Coordinator.

Crow King RID: Jim Hart stated that he has talked to Gaston Engineering and they are working on resolving issues related to Crow King RID.

Big Sky Bus Funding Request: The Board discussed the request for funding to provide free bus service from Bozeman to Big Sky.

Grants: Juvenile Accountability Block Grant: Barbie Durham, Grant Writer, presented the Board with the Juvenile Accountability grant application. Jim Hart moved to approve the Subgrant Application from the Montana Board of Crime Control to the Fifth Judicial District Youth Court for the Juvenile Accountability Management Program in the amount of \$24,499. Lewis Stahl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Planning Office Transition Plan: Doris Fischer, Planner, met with the Board to discuss the choice of contract planners to fill in until a new Planner is hired. Doris stated she has visited with eight contract planners, four of which have provided Statements of Qualifications. Doris will make a recommendation to the Board regarding contract planners.

Historical Road Closure: Stephanie Kruer, Attorney at Law, met with the Board to discuss a discrepancy in the legal description of a portion of County road in Ennis that was petitioned to be closed in 1955. The legal description states "...the South edge of the Earl Love property, which is also the North edge of the townsite of Ennis, Montana." Stephanie has determined that this is not the case and is requesting clarification or direction on how to proceed to get the boundary defined. The Board will consult with the County Attorney before making a determination.

Madison Valley Manor Administrator Position: After having offered the position of Madison Valley Manor Administrator to Judy Melin and receiving a counter offer from her, Jim Hart moved to accept her terms of an annual salary of \$68,584, as a full time employee and that she will waive her participation in the Madison County medical insurance plan, and that the Board will continue dialog with her for temporary licensure at the Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center. Lewis Stahl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

TRMMC and Ruby Valley Hospital Administrator: The Board will review applications for the Joint Administrator position before meeting with the Ruby Valley Hospital Board on Monday, June 25, 2007.

Sheridan Park Board Appointments: The Board contacted Dean Derryberry, Mayor of Sheridan, to discuss candidates for the Sheridan Park Board. This item was tabled until the next meeting to consider prospective candidates for the Alder area.

Forestry Reserve Payment Designation: The Board will contact the Beaverhead County Commission to discuss Resource Advisory Committee projects before making a designation for Forestry Reserve Payments.

Preliminary Budget Review: Vicki Tilstra, Bookkeeper, met with the Board to review preliminary budgets for Road, Bridge, and Commission.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

David Schulz, Chairman
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: June 26, 2007

Minutes prepared by:

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